

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 14, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 92, HB 120
Executive Action: HB 120, HB 53, HB 69

00:00:00 Call to Order
(Chairman Sonju relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Vance)

Meeting with the American Trucking Association

00:02:04 Ray Kuntz, Chairman, Board of American Trucking
Association

EXHIBIT(trh08a01)

EXHIBIT(trh08a02)

00:06:56 Rep. Berry

00:06:59 Mr. Kuntz

00:13:49 Rep. Berry

00:13:56 Mr. Kuntz

(Chairman Sonju returned; Vice Chairman Vance reverted the chair
to Chairman Sonju.)

00:27:59 Chairman Sonju

00:28:06 Rep. Arntzen

00:28:30 Mr. Kuntz

(Rep. Wilson left)

00:29:17 Chairman Sonju

00:29:32 Break

00:35:00 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:54 Rep. Bill Mcchesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 120, Allow use of electronic bid bonds for highway
projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:25 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

00:40:14 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:41:03 Aidan Myhre, Knife River

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:40 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration

(Rep. Barrett arrived)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

00:42:56 Rep. Taylor
00:43:16 Mr. Hegreberg
00:43:44 Rep. Berry
00:44:00 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:28 Rep. Mcchesney

HEARING ON HB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:57 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 92, Allow certain cities and counties to set speed limits.

00:47:26 Rachel Weiss, LEG Services Division
00:47:45 Rep. Peterson
00:47:49 Ms. Weiss
00:47:53 Rep. Peterson

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:45 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:28 Rep. MacDonald
00:56:47 Mr. Lynch
00:57:34 Chairman Sonju
00:57:38 Mr. Lynch
00:57:59 Rep. Taylor
00:58:30 Rep. Peterson
00:59:05 Rep. MacDonald
00:59:28 Rep. Peterson
00:59:37 Rep. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:58 Rep. Peterson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120

01:02:53 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 120 DO PASS.**

01:03:01 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 120 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh08a03)

Discussion:

01:03:20 Ms. Weiss

01:03:57 Chairman Sonju

01:04:03 Rep. Berry

01:04:11 Ms. Weiss

01:04:49 Chairman Sonju

01:04:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

01:05:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 120 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson and Kottel voted by proxy.

01:06:29 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 69

01:06:55 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 69 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:07:44 Rep. Arntzen

01:08:50 Chairman Sonju

01:09:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 0-12 by roll call vote.

01:10:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **HB 69 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 12-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 53

01:10:25 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 53 DO PASS.**

01:11:01 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 53 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh08a04)

Discussion:

01:11:18 Ms. Weiss

01:12:12 Chairman Sonju

01:12:32 Rep. Ebinger

01:12:43 Ms. Weiss

01:13:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel and Wilson voted by proxy.

01:13:31 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 53 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:13:49 Rep. Arntzen

01:14:35 Chairman Sonju

01:15:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Macdonald voting aye. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:16:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **HB 53 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 11-1 with Rep. Macdonald voting aye. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:17:05 Chairman Sonju

01:19:01 Rep. Arntzen

01:19:32 Chairman Sonju

01:19:46 Ms. Weiss

01:20:02 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

01:20:12 Adjournment

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh08aad.pdf](#))